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Filed: November 27, 2001  
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HAVING LOW DIELECTRIC INTERLAYER INSULATION LAYER

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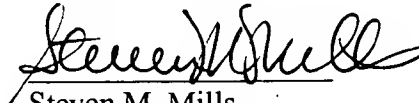
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